remaining amendments or disagreements. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank of Massachusetts, Representatives Neal, Waters, Kaptur, Bachus and Garrett of New Jersey.

### D.C.'S UNION STATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Union Station: A Comprehensive hearing on the Private Management, the Public Space, and the Intermodal Uses Present and Future. Testimony was heard from Emeka Moneme, Director, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

# Joint Meetings

# KAZAKHSTAN'S FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Kazakhstan's preparation for its future chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSEC) in 2010, focusing on plans, priorities, and challenges that face the OSEC region, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Askar Tazhiev, Embassy of Kazakhstan, and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrea Berg, Human Rights Watch, Berlin, Germany.

## **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D915)

H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI. Signed on July 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–280)

H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Signed on July 21, 2008. (Public Law 110–281)

# COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold oversight hearing to examine the adequacy of defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the status of existing federal programs

targeted at reducing gasoline demand, focusing on additional proposals for near-term gasoline demand reductions, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Midwest floods, focusing on ways to determine what happened and how to improve managing risk and responses in the future, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 44, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule set forth as requirements contained in the August 17, 2007, letter to State Health Officials from the Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations in the Centers for Medicaid Services and the State Health Official Letter 08–003, dated May 7, 2008, from such Center, and S.J. Res. 41, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Christopher Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD—419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Richard G. Olson, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, all of the Department of State, 1:30 p.m., SD—419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine United Nations peacekeeping, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 3 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to continue hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America's next generation (Part II), 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine information sharing, focusing on connecting the dots at the Federal, State, and Local levels, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all of the District of Columbia, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine courting big business, focusing on the Supreme Court's recent decisions on corporate misconduct and laws regulating corporations, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, and Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on responding to the needs of returning United States National Guard and Reserve members, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine person-centered care, focusing on reforming services and bringing elderly citizens back to the heart of society, 11 a.m., SD-562.

### House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the short- and long-term costs of hunger in America, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the state of health care in rural areas and the role of federal programs in addressing rural health care needs, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Comptroller General's progress report on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell Review, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 6357, PRO(TECH)T Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on China on the Eve of the Olympics, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing and briefing on Possible Extension of the UN Mandate for Iraq: Options, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills, H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008; H.R. 6159, Deafy Glade Exchange Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; and H.R. 5335, To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes, 12:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, To consider the following measures: the Over-Classification Reduction Act; and the Controlled Unclassified Information Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "AFRICOM: Rationales, Roles, and Progress on the Eve of Operations—Part 2," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on A National Water Initiative: Coordinating and Improving Federal Research on Water, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Impact of Predators in Long-Term Care on Small Business Operators," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Immediate Relief from High Oil Prices: Deploying the Strategic Petroleum Reserve," 9:15 a.m., 210 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine skyrocketing household costs and falling home prices, focusing on ways to help American families out of this crisis, 10 a.m., SD–608.